

# WELCOME TO TJ HUMANITIES

English and History

# Why Humanities at a STEM school?

- According to the Association of American Colleges & Universities 2013 Survey of business and non-profit leaders:
- Nearly all employers surveyed (93 percent) say that “a demonstrated **capacity to think critically, communicate clearly, and solve complex problems is more important than [a candidate’s] undergraduate major.**”
- More than 75 percent of those surveyed say they want more emphasis on five key areas including: **critical thinking, complex problem solving, written and oral communication, and applied knowledge in real-world settings.**
- 80 percent of employers agree that, regardless of their major, **every college student should acquire broad knowledge in the liberal arts and sciences.**
- Source: *It Takes More than a Major: Employer Priorities for College Learning and Student Success*. 2013. Washington, DC: Association of American Colleges and Universities and Hart Research Associates.

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# ENGLISH COURSE OFFERINGS AND REQUIREMENTS

# Students are **REQUIRED** to take four credits of English, via the following courses:



- 9th Grade: **IBET**  
(Integrated Biology, English, and Technology)
- 10<sup>th</sup> Grade: **English 10** (as part of Hum 1)
- 11<sup>th</sup> Grade: **English 11** (as part of Hum 2)
- 12<sup>th</sup> Grade: *Either AP Literature and Composition or AP Language and Composition or Honors English 12*

**ENGLISH ELECTIVES  
(THESE DO NOT COUNT AS A CORE  
COURSE):**

# ENGLISH ELECTIVES

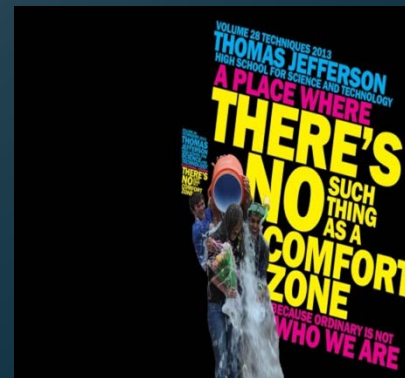
## FULL YEAR ENGLISH ELECTIVES:

- Journalism 1-4 (Newspaper)
- Photojournalism 1-3 (Yearbook)
- Broadcast Journalism

## SEMESTER ENGLISH ELECTIVES:

- Film Study

TJ On: Asking Week, Part 2





**SOCIAL STUDIES COURSE  
OFFERINGS AND REQUIREMENTS**

# Students are **REQUIRED** to take **four** credits of **Social Studies**, via the following courses:

9th Grade: No Required Core Class

10<sup>th</sup> Grade: World History and Geography II

- Choose 1:
  - **HUM I** (Honors English 10 and Honors World Hst. and Geography II)
  - **CHUM** (Honors Chemistry, Honors English 10, Honors World Hst. and Geography II)
  - **GUM** (German, Honors English 10, World Hst. and Geography II)

11<sup>th</sup> Grade: American History

- Choose 1:
  - **Hum II** (AP US History and Honors English 11)
  - **Hum II** (Honors US/VA History and Honors English 11)



# Students are **REQUIRED** to take four credits of **Social Studies**, via the following courses (cont):

## 12th Grade: AP US Government

- Choose 1:
  - **Singleton AP Government**
    - Non-teamed course.
    - If you choose this option, then you must take AP Lang. or AP Lit as a singleton as well.
  - **Global Studies** (AP Lang. and AP Government)
    - Policy and Global Focused
  - **Senior Seminar** (AP Literature and AP Government)
    - Theme focused-Example ideas of “Power,” “Race”
    - Example of books: *1984*, *One Who Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest*, *All the King's Men*

\*Note: All of these classes include AP Government

# The fourth social studies credit can be met via elective courses (one year long course or two semester courses)

## SEMESTER COURSES:

- Anthropology
- Law and Society
- Inquiry into Ideas
- 20<sup>th</sup> Century World History
- America & the World since 1989
- Psychology: Mind, Body, and Behavior

## YEAR-LONG COURSES:

- History of Science
- Ancient Civilizations



# Economics and Personal Finance Requirement

- Starting with the class of 2015, all Virginia students are required by the state to complete an Econ/Personal Finance credit in addition to their four social studies credits.
- Students have a variety of options to meet this requirement:
  - TJ Face to Face AP Macro/Microeconomics
  - Online AP Macro/Microeconomics
  - Online Economics and Personal Finance (EPF)
    - How to make a budget? How to apply for loans? etc.
  - Online self-paced course

# Designed for Underclassmen: Ancient & Classical Civilizations!

- This is a social studies elective that is specifically designed for underclassmen, but open to all grade levels.
- The course emphasizes not only content, but also research skills that students will need for upper level history courses.



# Social Studies FAQ #1: Why consider taking US/VA history instead of AP US History?

ANSWER:

Students should consider honors US/VA *if* they:

- have an intense junior year AP schedule
- they are slow readers
- they want to study Humanities without the pressure of an AP exam
- they want to cover the material at a slower pace



# Social Studies FAQ #2: Is World History and Geography 1 a prerequisite for World History and Geography 2?

ANSWER: NO!

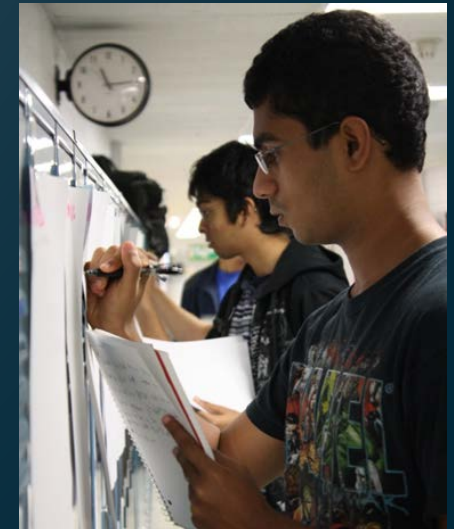
- TJ students do not take a mandatory history course in ninth grade (because of the required technology course)
- WH & G 1 can meet the fourth social studies elective credit if it is taken in summer school out of the county, but it is NOT required. It is also not an honors course.
- TJ-specific electives are a rich alternative to this survey course.



# Social Studies FAQ #3: Why don't AP Art History & AP Psychology count as the 4th elective social studies credit?

ANSWER:

- These are popular electives at our school. We want students to take them based on genuine interest, and not overload on AP classes for an extra grade boost.



Please let  
us know  
what  
questions  
you have!

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